

APPROVED MINUTES  
ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF MILPITAS

**Minutes:** Meeting of the Arts Commission (AC)  
**Date of Meeting:** Monday, February 26, 2007  
**Place of Meeting:** Milpitas City Hall Committee Conference Room, 455 E. Calaveras Blvd.

**I. Call to Order** Vice Chairperson Ettinger called the Meeting to Order at 7:00 p.m.

**II. Phantom Art Gallery Opening**

The Commission hosted a reception for the Phantom Art Gallery Exhibit by Ms. Hiroko Muramatsu that will be displayed from February 26, 2007 to April 13, 2007.

**III. Pledge of Allegiance** Vice Chairperson Ettinger led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV. Roll Call** Commissioners Present: Butler, Ettinger, Foulk, Hays, McGuire, Ogle, and Alternate Tsuei.

Commissioners Excused Absence: Rabe, Asif

City Staff Present: Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen, Public Services Clerk, Tirzah Cedillo

City Council Liaison Present: Council Member Giordano

**V. Seating of Alternates** Alternate Tsuei was seated in Chairperson Rabe's absence.

**VI. Approval of Agenda** **MOTION** to approve the Agenda of February 26, 2007.

M/S: Foulk/McGuire Ayes: All

**VII. Approval of Minutes** **MOTION** to approve the Minutes from both January 22, 2007.

M/S: Foulk/Hays Ayes: All

**VIII. Public Forum** Ms. Amy Inn, 813 Piper Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA, 94087, phone: 408-472-0894, email address: [feipai@gmail.com](mailto:feipai@gmail.com), invited all the Arts Commission members to attend a solo exhibition by Mr. Yeh Fei Pai called, 'Splash Ink' at the World Journal Art Gallery, 201 Adrian Road, Millbrae, CA. The artwork will be displayed from March 3-9, 2007 and the hours are Saturday-Friday from 10am to 6pm. The artist reception is scheduled for Saturday, March 3, 2007 from 2-4pm. There will also be a live demonstration on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3pm.

**IX. Announcements/Correspondence**

None.

**X. Old Business**

**1. Arts Day - Staff**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated Arts Day Milpitas 2007 has been added to the Recreation's Special Event Calendar and will be held on Saturday, October 6, 2007 in the Milpitas Civic Center Plaza. A grant in the amount of \$1,000.00 was received from Target to be used for this event.

Vice Chairperson Ettinger asked has a subcommittee been formed for the Arts Day event. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen responded a

subcommittee had been formed at a previous meeting and she would be in touch with those members in the near future.

**Note. Receipt. File.**

## **XI. New Business**

### **1. Phantom Art Gallery Application – Leuterio, Yeh - Staff**

Vice Chairperson Ettinger introduced the artist Mr. Jose Roile A. Leuterio III to the Arts Commission whose Phantom Art Gallery application is for review and upon approval the art display would be from February 25 to April 18, 2008.

Mr. Leuterio presented five framed photographs taken from various sites here in Milpitas: Coyote Park, Higuera Adobe Building, McCarthy Ranch, Milpitas Light Rail Station, Milpitas railroad tracks. Mr. Leuterio stated he's a self-taught photographer, taking pictures for over twenty years.

**MOTION** to approve the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery application from Mr. Jose Roile Leuterio III and to display his art exhibit from February 25, 2008 to April 18, 2008.

M/S: Foulk/Hays

Ayes: All

Vice Chairperson Ettinger introduced the artist Mr. Fei Pai Yeh to the Arts Commission whose Phantom Art Gallery application is for review and upon approval the art display would be from January 7 to February 8, 2008 as per the artist's request.

Mr. Yeh presented three Chinese art pieces drawn (brush painting and calligraphy) on rice paper named: 'The Cloud Galloper,' 'Swift Elegance,' and 'Spiritual.' Mr. Yeh stated his artwork is about spirits through the form of horses in a very peaceful and cheerful way.

**MOTION** to approve the Milpitas Phantom Art Gallery application from Mr. Fei Pai Yeh and to display his art exhibit from January 7, 2008 to February 8, 2008 allowing flexibility for the opening day.

M/S: Hays/Ogle

Ayes: All

### **2. Phantom Art Gallery Selection and Logistics - McGuire**

Commissioner McGuire requested staff to discuss the current Phantom Art Gallery Artist selection process and the hanging system for artist work. Vice Chairperson Ettinger asked is there a better way to hang artist work. Commissioner Tsuei responded in galleries usually the artist hangs one artwork piece on a single fish line at eye level.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated the Arts Commission does not allow drilling in the gallery walls. The artist could hang paintings high or low on a single fish line, but the gallery hanging system is not meant for numerous paintings on one line. Organizations who apply to show their work in the Gallery will need to limit the number of paintings allowed for a show, with a stricter internal selection process.

Commissioner Hays recommended to create a diagram so new artists can hang the artwork correctly in the gallery. Commissioner Tsuei added if artists want to hang their artwork differently that they should sketch out the hanging arrangements and submit the request directly to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Hays stated the Commission should give artists a guideline of

ideas on how to hang/display their artwork in the gallery. Vice Chairperson Ettinger suggested the Commission research guidelines for artists and discuss the issue at the next scheduled meeting.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated that several Commissioners' have approached her with concerns about the current artist selection process. Vice Chairperson Ettinger responded the Commission's goal should be to have artists with a high quality and content of artwork. She added the two artists: Mr. Leutertio and Mr. Yeh are great examples of composition, color and are true artists. Commissioner Foulk added the Commission should be more decisive and have more thought put into approving artist work. Vice Chairperson Ettinger stated an artist formally trained learns composition, color, and presentation. Commissioner Tsuei stated as a public gallery we shouldn't limit the gallery to one particular style of art on exhibit and that the Gallery is popular which allows the Commission to start raising the bar as to the artists accepted. The artists today are of high quality and good public relations for the City of Milpitas. Commissioner Hays stated the Commission should put together a brochure with pictures of tonight's applying artists to attract better artists and audiences. She added the artists should provide bios and pictures of themselves to showcase in the gallery.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated she would add to the Arts Commission Work Plan 2007, the goal of the gallery. Also, the Commission has requested staff to extend an invitation to the Senior Center for the live demonstration by the artist, Mr. Fei Pai Yeh on Saturday, March 3, 2007 and Sunday, March 4, 2007.

Commissioner Hays has requested staff to send a post card or notification to her of gallery openings so she could distribute herself.

**Note. Receipt. File.**

**XII. Staff Reports**

**CASP-Hamlet-March 8-24<sup>th</sup>-Cal Rep Theater**

Commissioner Ogle volunteered to attend one of the performance dates of Hamlet. Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen will email the performance evaluation to Commissioner Ogle to complete.

**CASP-Children's Concert-March 23<sup>rd</sup>-Milpitas High School**

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen stated if any Commission member would like to attend this performance to notify her and she'll give directions to the performance.

Community Enrichment Coordinator, Renee Lorentzen notified the Arts Commission as of March 5, 2007 she's relocating to the Milpitas Sports Center and reporting to Aaron Bueno.

**XIII. Liaison Reports**

**1. City Council**

Council Member Giordano reported the following at the February 6, 2007 meeting:

- Appropriate recognition for City Fire and Police Officers.
- Status report on financial condition of City dated from July 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> and revenues will probably exceed two million as previously projected.
- Library and parking structure are on time and on budget.

- No further action by City Council regarding Citizen's Sunshine Committee.
- Public Art Committee 'Master Plan' has been approved.

Council Member Giordano reported the following at the February 20, 2007, City Council meeting:

- Betty McDermott received a proclamation honoring John McDermott as creator of the 'Milpitas Minute Man logo.'
- Adopted resolution as recommended by County of Santa Clara regarding health.
- Initiated a task force to study and make a recommendation to City Council regarding sport field allocation for user groups.
- Adopted the IAFF (Fire Union) labor contract.
- Accepted a cost allocation report from the Finance Department for future consideration.

#### **XIV. Future Agenda Items**

2007 Work Plan

#### **XV. Adjournment**

There being no further business the Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m., to the scheduled meeting on April 23, 2007.

**MOTION** to adjourn the Arts Commission meeting.

M/S: Hays/Foulk

Ayes: All

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tirzah Cedillo  
Recording Secretary